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Launch of Satellites
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO is going to launch 82 satellites in one go in January, 2017;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of preparedness to achieve this feat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)
ISRO is planning to launch 83 satellites on-board India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle 'PSLV-C37' during January 2017 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

The 83 satellites being launched in this mission include − (i) 3 Indian satellites namely Cartosat-2 Series (weighing 730 kg) as primary payload, INS-1A & INS-1B (total weighing 30 kg) and (ii) 80 satellites (total weighing 500 kg) belonging to international customers from five countries, viz. Israel, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Switzerland and USA. These international customer satellites are being launched as part of the commercial arrangement entered into between the customer and Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), a Government of India Company under Department of Space (DOS) and the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(c) Towards preparedness of this mission, activities related to mission studies, satellite interface analysis and several other technical/ programmatic aspects related to the launch are progressing.

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